

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Oh my! We received an urgent request Monday to stop the federal Real ID Act. It is not unusual to hear opposition to the photo ID already passed in several states. Voters in those states must present some sort of photo ID before voting and opponents argue that it is unfair. Well now comes a group called "Endline Ministries" calling for repeal of these unconstitutional acts. However the Supreme Court has said it is not unconstitutional. The senders of that e-mail message contend the Bible predicted this 2000 years ago . . . but for food, etc. Maybe it did all that, but even they didn't go so far as to quote the Bible as being opposed to the voter ID, nor do they say the Bible even mentioned voting laws and regulations. Therefore, we were left wondering how their opposition to the photo ID laws was connected to their religious beliefs. Gosh neither did we realize they knew about photographs 2,000 years ago!

Giant Pandas in China survived the recent earthquake. Of course we are pleased for that but were offended that someone went to check on those animals at a time many thousands of humans were trapped, wet and hungry, or maybe even dying. Our feeling of insult extends to our journalist friends who take the time to write about pandas at such a terrible time. Some years ago we were scheduled to speak at an event in a large college lecture hall. The subject was floods and what to do after one strikes. As it turned out we followed a veterinary college dean. He talked about the importance of rubbing in and getting the pets, setting up shelters for them, etc. What bothered us was his apparent idea that rescuing a scared dog or cat should be done immediately, even with human life still in danger. Of course we modified our prepared remarks to tell the audience that in the real world with people facing raging waters, pets don't take priority. The dean later stressed to us that he didn't really mean his words to come out that way. Folks love their pets and they should, but please we urge you to help your neighbor from the deep water first!

Senator Ted Kennedy is always good for raising the hackles of conservative southerners. However, hopefully each of us is saddened by the news that the long time liberal lawmaker has a brain tumor of the worse kind . . . cancerous. Personally we pray the man over the tumor and returns to the U.S. Senate . . . gosh it is almost fun to fuss about Teddy Kennedy . . . and he never ceases to give us fresh ammo to pitch back at him. We voted for John F. Kennedy when he was first elected President, in spite of being told this Catholic president would turn the country over to the Vatican. However we not only didn't support Teddy, it was a relief he didn't get the nomination. All that is politics and in no way should it shape our feelings for his physical well being as a fellow human being. If you allow it to do so then you don't get the same message from the Bible as I get.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 1, 2008, investigated the following incidents: two for domestic violence, one for leaving premises without paying, one for harassment, two for driving under the influence, one for possession of a controlled substance, one for giving false information, one for criminal trespassing, one for fraudulent use of a credit card, two for failure to provide a title, one for property damage, one for a verbal domestic dispute, two for criminal mischief, one for forgery, one for an abandoned vehicle, one for a domestic disturbance, one for public intoxication, one for disorderly conduct, one for assault, one for theft of property, one for harassing communications and one for a dog bite.

The following arrests were made: two for driving under the influence, one for possession of a controlled substance, two for public intoxication and two for domestic violence. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: nine for not wearing a seat belt, one for giving false information, two for an expired tag, three for speeding, one for no proof of insurance, one for no driver's license, one for a suspended driver's license and one for a revoked driver's license.

Daily activity highlights were as follows: **MONDAY, MAY 12** - Coffee County EMS to 678 Lee St. (1:58 a.m.); Possible burglary at 753 Martin Luther King Dr. (7:14 p.m.); Wreck reported near 122 Stroud (8:24 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MAY 13 - Minor wreck reported at the Dairy Queen parking lot (5:56 p.m.).

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A crowd of law enforcement officers, local mayors, families of current and fallen officers and other citizens gathered at the site of the old Coffee County Jail, located on Putnam Street in Elba, last Wednesday afternoon, May 14, for a memorial service honoring those lost "in the line of duty." The event was held in conjunction with National Law Enforcement Week. Organizers also said the event was an appropriate time to say "thank you" to those who currently serve and their families. The reality that law enforcement officers place their life on the line each and every day is no more evident than the site of the old Coffee County Jail because Sheriff Neil Grantham lost his life in front of the building March 1, 1979 after being shot by Billy Joe Magwood, who was convicted of capital murder for the crime.

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1937-2007

We thought of you with love today
But that is nothing new
We thought of you yesterday
And days before that too
We think of you in silence
We often speak your name
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Your memory is our keepsake
With which we'll never part
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• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd and 4th Monday - 5:30 p.m. - City Hall.

• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall.

• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

• **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church-Enter on side on W. Davis St. - Magaree Garrett Classroom.

• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd and 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.

• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd and 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center.

• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office.

• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. - Legion Hall - Troy Hwy.

• **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st and 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.

• **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.

• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE** - Mon-Fri, 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex, 894-5858.

• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 5 p.m. Club House.

• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Po. Public, Enterprise.

• **ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Thursday at 5 PM, the FBO office at the Airport.

• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.

• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 2nd and 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High School locker room.

• **NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB** - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

• **ELBA KWANS CLUB** - 2nd and 4th Thursday - Noon - Elba Public Library.

Have a Fun but Safe Memorial Day Holiday!

Card of Thanks

Thank you everyone for your prayers, food, cards, flowers, phone calls, donations to the church and other acts of kindness shown during the passing of my husband, **Jesse James Smith**. A special thanks also to the EMS and hospital emergency staff.

God Bless All of You,
Emmie Smith

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

LOMAX PARKS

Mr. Lomax Parks, age 73, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at his home in Elba.

Funeral services were held May 16, 2008 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral in Elba with Rev. James Adcock and Rev. Lamar Dean officiating. Burial followed in the Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Parks was preceded in death by his mother, Lizzie Lee Parks; father, Herman Parks; and sons, Donald and Mickey Parks.

Survivors include his wife, Mavis Parks, Elba; three daughters, Dorothy, Nell Clark, Opelika, Ala.; Barbara Smith and Brenda Brown, both of Elba; three sons: Bobby Joe Parks, Brantley, Ala., and John Parks and James Parks, both of Elba; one brother: A. C. Parks, Brantley, Ala.; 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

MATTIE MCNAIR

Ms. Mattie McNair of Enterprise, Ala., died recently.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at Johns Chapel AME Church, Enterprise, with Rev. Tony C. Scott officiating. Burial followed in Johns Chapel Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Ms. McNair was preceded in death by her parents, Charles McNair and Archie Anna

Lewis; one brother, William Lester "Buck" McNair; and two nephews, Anthony McNair and Kenneth McNair.

Survivors include one son: Robert (Stephanie) Smith, Enterprise; one grandson: Eric (Paula) Smith, California; three great-grandchildren: Eris Copes, Geneva, Ala.; Erica, California; and Mattalyn "Mattie", California; along with her nieces and nephews.

CHRISTINE MORROW

Wise, age 79, died on Sunday, May 10, 2008, at Enterprise Health and Rehab.

A graveside service was held May 13, 2008 at Meadowlawn Cemetery. Memorials may be made to: Christian Mission Centers, 481 Geneva Hwy., Enterprise, Ala. 36330; phone: 334-393-2607.

Mrs. Wise was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Wise; her parents, Coston and Lucille Morrow; and her brothers, Ed and Bill Morrow.

Survivors include her son: Jerry Wise; daughter: Cindy Woodall (husband: Tim); brother: Donnie Morrow (wife: Becky); sister: Kathy Morrow; and Mildred Morrow; and several nieces and nephews.

FRED OGLESBY

Mr. Fred Oglesby, age 70, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, May

18, 2008, at the University of Alabama Hospital at Birmingham in Birmingham, Ala.

Funeral services were held May 21, 2008 at Mt. Vernon Assembly of God on with Rev. Ernest Phillip Nelson and Rev. (Paula) Smith, California; three great-grandchildren: Eris Copes, Geneva, Ala.; Erica, California; and Mattalyn "Mattie", California; along with her nieces and nephews.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Virginia Hurrell; son: Ashley Oglesby (husband: Perry) Catrett, Brantley, Ala.; Brenda Oglesby (husband: Steve) Campbell, Troy, Ala.; two sons: Fred Daniel Oglesby, Selma, Ala.; James Kenneth Oglesby, Kinston, Ala.; two granddaughters: Cassidy Camille Catrett and Cameron Cay Catrett, both of Brantley; grandson: Jason Matthew Oglesby, Kinston; two sisters: Sandra (husband: Boyd) Berry, Glenwood, Ala.; Linda Gibson, Fairhope, Ala.; and with two great-grandchildren.

BETTY CHARLES JONES
Ms. Betty Charles Jones, age 68, died Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at her home.

Funeral services were held May 19, 2008 at Coleman Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Jimmy R. Woods and Elder Roy A. Crawley officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

She was preceded in death

by her parents and one sister, Ocie P. Frazier.

Survivors include five children: Betty (husband Russell Sr.) Dukes, Atlanta, Ga.; Phyllis (husband John Sr.) McKnight, Gainesville, Fla.; Barbara (husband Lucious R. Sr.) Sumlar, Orange Park, Fla.; Bruce Jones Sr., Eufaula, Ala.; and LaSaundra Jones, Atlanta; eight grandchildren: John McKnight Jr. (wife Katrina), Carla McKnight, Lucious Sumlar Jr., Brian Sumlar, Russell Dukes Jr., Kamafi Lowe, Bruce Jones Jr., and Chad Jones; five siblings: Jimmy Barron Jr., Springhill, Ala.; Robert Barron, Buffalo, N.Y.; Eddie Barron, Buffalo, Prince Oia Flowers, St. Petersburg, Fla.; and Joe Barron, Buffalo; and two sisters-in-law: Bernice and Catherine Barron.

DOROTHY FULLER WILSON

Mrs. Dorothy Fuller Wilson, age 85, of Dothan, Ala., formally of the Victoria Community, died Monday, May 19, 2008, at her home.

Funeral services will be held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, May 24, 2008 at 1 p.m. with Rev. Buddy Hood and Rev. Billy Paul McCollough officiating. Burial will follow in the New Hope Cemetery, Elba, Ala., with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba in charge of all arrangements. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Saturday, May 24, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Perry Leon Wilson; father, William O. Fuller; mother, Sally Fuller; two sisters, Ruth Weiman and Nell Hollis; and one brother, Carter Fuller. Survivors include two daughters: Margaret Wilson and Melba Hanchey, both of Dothan; fiancé: Carl Zorn, Charleston, S.C.; grandson: Jarrod (wife: Brantley) Hanchey; Dothan; three sisters: Eunice Killingsworth, Brundage, Ala.; Merle Nolin, Flo-maton, Ala.; Naomi Green, Banks, Ala.; sister-in-law: Gladys McCollough, Gulf Shores, Ala.; and other family and friends.

SHELBY ROE BRYAN

Mr. Shelby Roe Bryan, age 87, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at Elba Nursing Home.

Memorial services were held May 2, 2008 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, Elba, with Marshall Nixon officiating. Survivors include his wife

Annie Lewis Bryan, Elba; two daughters: Sheila Ann (husband Harold) Hudson, Elba; Phyllis Regina Bryan, New Brockton, Ala.; one son: Danny Roe Bryan, Elba; three grandsons: Jamie Duncan and Dalton Bryan, both of Elba; Dany Bryan, Troy, Ala.; granddaughters: Tammy Williamson, Elba; Vicki Holmes, Glenwood, Ala.; great-granddaughters: Savannah Williamson and Sydney Williamson, both of Elba; and Elizabeth Wood, Glenwood; great-grandsons: Jeremy Duncan, Elba; Clayton Bryan and Aaron Bryan, both of Troy.

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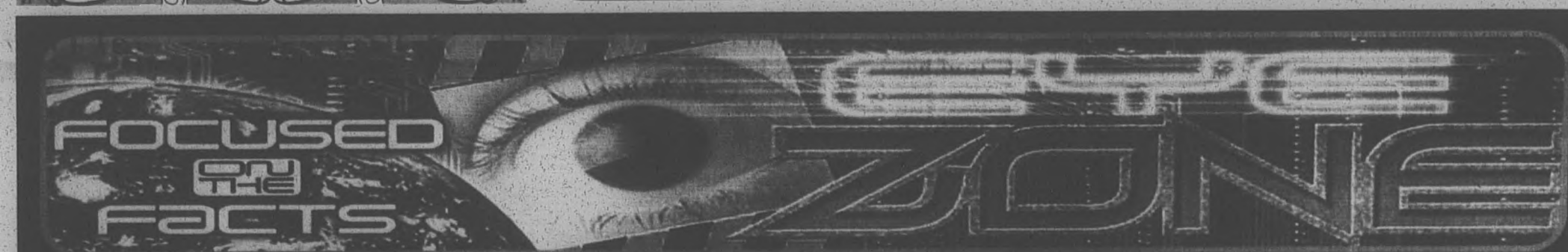
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It was a sunny May afternoon in Promontory Summit, Utah. At 12:47 P.M. Leland Stanford raised his sledgehammer and took a swing at the spike. He missed. The crowd howled in delight. Stanford swung again. This time he hit it.

Within seconds, telegraph operators relayed a one-word message to New York and San Francisco: "Done." It was May 10, 1869, and Leland Stanford had just driven the last spike into the transcontinental railroad.

In 1860, four businessmen in Sacramento, California had created a company called the Central Pacific Railroad. Its purpose was to build and run a railroad that linked California with the rest of the country. Two years later, another com-

pany called the Union Pacific Railroad was formed in Omaha, Nebraska. After Congress offered the companies financial incentives in the Pacific Railroad Bill of 1862, the Central Pacific started laying tracks in early 1863. In 1865, the Union Pacific began laying tracks, heading west from Omaha. The two companies met at Promontory Summit, Utah, on May 10, 1869, and the transcontinental railroad was complete. The project had cost \$48 million.

Scheduled to take thirteen years to complete, the greatest engineering feat of the nineteenth century took only six. When the two lines joined at Promontory Summit, the Union Pacific had laid 1,066 miles of track, while the Central Pacific had laid 693 miles. The \$48 million project meant that the journey from New York to California no longer took six months. It took six days.

With a transcontinental railroad, western beef, fruit and vegetables, coal and other products, could reach eastern markets in a matter of days. Land that settlers had considered wasteland opened for settlement. The American frontier, known as the line beyond which there were no settlers, disappeared within twenty years.

It all happened because of one engineer's vision and perseverance. His name was Theodore Judah. He mapped the route across the Rockies, and was the driving force behind the creation of

the Central Pacific Railroad. It was Judah who persuaded the four Sacramento businessmen: Colis Huntington, Leland Stanford, Mark Hopkins and Charles Crocker to each invest \$150,000 to found the CPRR company in 1861.

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LIFESTYLES

Ann Elise Leonard celebrates first birthday on March 2nd



Ann Elise Leonard

Ann Elise Leonard, daughter of Jeff and Elena Leonard, celebrated her first birthday on March 2, 2008, at her home in Atlanta, Georgia. Several of her play group friends enjoyed the birthday party which centered around an elephant theme. Each friend parted with a bag of elephant shaped sugar cookies and a cookie cutter and a Dumbo, the Elephant, book as party favors. Also sharing in the birthday fun were Ann Elise's grandparents, Kenneth and Sara Strong from Elba and Steve and Jan Leonard from Birmingham.



Miss Brown and Mr. Winters

Miss Brown and Mr. Winters to wed on August 2nd

Steve and Tina Brown of Cumming, Georgia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsey Michelle Brown, son of Michael Prewett and Dauna Winters, to Peter Winters of Lawrenceville, Georgia.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Charles Edward Goodson and Mr. and Mrs. Norris Walden of Enterprise, Alabama and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Brown of Enterprise, Alabama. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Eddie B. Goodson of New Brockton, Alabama. She attends Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia, where she is pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Winters of Decatur, Georgia. He attends Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, Georgia, where he is pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering. He is employed with J. B. Trimble, Inc.

The wedding is planned for August 2, 2008 in Cumming, Georgia, and a reception will follow. Family and friends are invited.

NEW ARRIVAL

LILLIE MORGAINA DRISCOLL



Lillie Morgaine Driscoll

Capt. and Mrs. John Driscoll (Angie Lane) announce the birth of their baby girl, Lillie Morgaine. She was born at 12:20 a.m. on May 6, 2008 at Samaritan Medical Center in Watertown, N.Y. She weighed 7 lbs 10 oz and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Clyde and Carol Lane of Elba and Tom and Kathy Driscoll of Winthrop, ME. Lillie has two older sisters Hannah and Eve.

The University of West Alabama graduates and faculty honored

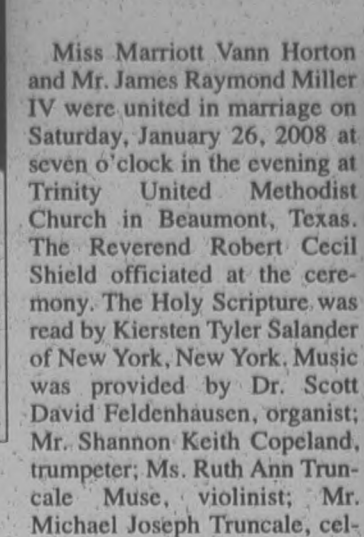
The University of West Alabama honored approximately 300 graduates during spring commencement exercises May 3, with President Richard D. Holland conferring undergraduate and master's degrees from the colleges of Business, Education, Liberal Arts, and Natural Sciences and Mathematics; the Division of Nursing; and the School of Graduate Studies. In addition, several special awards were presented to students, faculty and friends of UWA.

ELBA: Jana Hutchinson, Master of Education.

NEW BROCKTON: Christy Hixson, Master of Education.

Deadline for Social & Church News is Monday!

Miller-Horton marriage held Saturday, January 26th



Miss Brown and Mr. Winters

Miss Mariott Vann Horton and Mr. James Raymond Miller IV were united in marriage on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at seven o'clock in the evening at Trinity United Methodist Church in Beaumont, Texas. The Reverend Robert Cecil Shield officiated at the ceremony. The Holy Scripture was read by Kiersten Tyler Salander of New York, New York. Music was provided by Dr. Scott David Feldenhause, organist; Mr. Shannon Keith Copeland, trumpeter; Ms. Ruth Ann Truncate, violinist; Mr. Michael Joseph Truncate, cellist; The Reverend Doctor Donald Ray Ball, junior, baritone; and violinists Kathryn Lillie Ratliff and Matthew Locke Ratliff, cousins of the bride, of Amarillo, Texas. Acolytes were Mark Douglas Brimberry and Morton McLaughlin Brimberry, nephews of the groom, of Trussville, Alabama. Kent Weston Bowden, cousin of the bride, of Dallas, Texas, served as ring bearer and carried a pillow made by the groom's grandmother of antique lace and carried by the groom in his oldest sister's wedding.

The bride is the daughter of Justice and Mrs. Henry Hollis Horton III of Beaumont. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Enoch Cannon of Elba, Alabama and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hollis Horton, junior of Friona, Texas. The groom is the son of the late Mrs. Esther Coffin Miller of Culbert, Georgia and the late Mr. James Raymond Miller III of Albany, Georgia. He is the grandson of Mrs. Nelson Clements Coffin of Culbert, Georgia and the late Mr. Coffin and Mr. James Raymond Miller, junior of Augusta, Georgia and the late Mr. Miller.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of ivory silk satin, organza and Alencon lace designed with delicate cap sleeves and a scalloped neckline. The A-line gown was embellished with intricate Alencon lace bands that detailed the skirt and led into a chapel length train. A champagne colored silk sash was tied at her waist with a pearl and a crystal brooch. Mariott chose a cathedral length mantilla veil of silk, trimmed in a wide band of Alencon lace and held in place by a pearl and crystal hair comb. Completing her ensemble was an engraved locket, which was a gift from her great-grandfather, Thomas Carey Mariott, to his bride in 1902. Five generations of Mariott family members, including Mrs. Henry Hollis Horton, junior, grandmother of the bride, have worn the locket at their weddings.

Serving as maid of honor was Sarah Ann McCurry of Beaumont. Bridesmaids were Allison Petras Baker of Houston, Texas; Patricia Mullen Ballantyne, Ann Stewart Banker, and Catherine Torrey Stroud of New York, New York; Christine Pinckney Fritz of Spartanburg, South Carolina; Emily Hollis Gurley, cousin of the bride, of Friona, Texas; Emily Ann Henderson of Dallas, Texas; Victoria Reid Miller, niece of the groom, of Dallas, Georgia; and Haley Meek Strahan of Beaumont. Junior bridesmaids were Emma Kathryn Bowden, cousin of the bride, of Dallas, Texas. The house party included Catherine Neichoy Justin of Houston, Texas; Ashlee Keith Kemble of Orlando, Florida; and Margaret Berne Spearman of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Doctor William Christopher Tidmore, junior, brother of the groom, of Valdosta, Georgia, served as best man. Grooms were Robert Cannon Horton, brother of the bride, of Beaumont; Logan Nalley III and James Harley Nalley, cousins of the groom, of Augusta, Georgia; Joseph Benson Ward and Jay Scott Pippin of Atlanta, Georgia; Lee Smithson Johnson of Roswell, Georgia; Marion Al-



Mrs. James Raymond Miller

bert Quina III of Nashville, Tennessee; Thomas Justice Radcliff of Mobile, Alabama; and James Taylor Thurman of Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

The groom, a graduate of The Deerfield-Windsor School in Albany, Georgia, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in politics from the Washington State University, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Jimmy received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Georgia School of Law and is currently an associate at Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs in Atlanta, Georgia.

Following a honeymoon trip to Argentina, the couple will reside in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization Policy Committee to meet June 25th

The Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) will hold the following Technical Committee, Wednesday was May 21, 2008, 10:00 a.m. and the Policy Committee, will be Wednesday, June 25, 2008, 10:30 a.m.

Both the Technical Committee and Policy Committee meetings will be in the Daleville Cultural & Convention Center located at 750 S. Daleville Avenue, Daleville, Alabama. The committees will discuss the Alabama Statewide Transportation Plan Update, and recommendations that have been received to adopt Long Range Transportation needs of Southeast Alabama. The committees will also review the amended by-laws and public involvement plan and FY 2009 Work Program.

All of the meetings are open to the public. Anyone requiring special assistance should contact the SEARP&DC at least twenty-four hours prior to the day of the meeting at (334) 794-



Hannah and Eve Driscoll

Hannah and Eve Driscoll turned three years old on May 8th

Hannah and Eve Driscoll turned 3 years old on May 8th. They had a princess birthday party at the Thompson Park Zoo. They were so excited to have their Aunt Ashley and cousin Karis attend from Huntsville, AL along with other family and friends. Hannah and Eve are the daughters of Capt. and Mrs. John Driscoll (Angie Lane) stationed at Ft. Drum, N.Y. Their grandparents are Clyde and Carol Lane of Elba and Tom and Kathy Driscoll of Winthrop, ME.

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Rev. Billy Redd
1st Assembly of God

If it was, it still is

I have heard it said by others that "if it was a sin in the Bible, or 30 years ago, then it is still sin today." I have to agree with that statement, for if God said it, it is still so. How do I know? Look at Malachi 3:6, for here it states concerning God, "For I am the Lord, I change not..." Even of Christ who is the Son of God, in Hebrews 1:3 it says of Him, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever." Therefore I must agree that if God considered something to be sin within his word, Yes sir, it is still sin today. So let's notice some of what God says is sinful. Look at Galatians 5:19-21, for here it mentions seventeen areas of sin and goes on at the ending of verse twenty-one to say, "...That they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God." In other words, Heaven will not be your "home." Notice four of the sins or "sin types" mentioned:

adultery, fornication, uncleanness, and lasciviousness. They are all sins of lust. Now after looking up the meaning of these words let me just list the things that are mentioned under uncleanness and lasciviousness.

They include sodomy which includes things such as homosexuality, lesbianism, pederasty, bestiality, and all forms of sexual perversion. (Ref: See pg. 207 Dakes Annotated Reference Bible). Also, lasciviousness is states as being that which is the promoting or partaking of that which tends to produce lewd emotions, anything tending to foster sex sin and lust.

Verse nineteen starts off with adultery and fornication. These have been around for so long everyone should know what they include. So what was the Word of God says, it seems clear to this old boy that if it was sin years ago it is still sin today, no matter what "name" they may give it. These types of sin are rampant today within this society, which we live. Just as Eve was deceived with that first sin in the Garden of Eden, folks are still being deceived today.

However, just as sin has not changed, neither has God's love for all of mankind not changed. If you've been deceived by the trickery of Satan and maybe seem "entrapped" by one of these sins, God still loves you and his forgiveness is readily available. Just ask Him.

But do not be deceived, sin is still sin and all sin must be judged and punished, unless we seek God's forgiveness.

In Psalm 51:4, David's statement about sin should help us to understand better about these things we do or once may have done. "Against thee thee only have I sinned and done this evil in thy sight."

Search it out for yourselves, for each of us will have to give account to God for what we have done (Hebrews 9:27). God Bless!!!

Gospel singing set for Saturday, May 24th at Country Cathedral

Country Cathedral will be hosting a gospel singing on Saturday, May 24 @ 7 p.m. The Staffords and Dyess Family will be in concert. Country Cathedral is located about 5 miles east of Opp on Highway 84. For more information, call 334-493-7413.

Special service to be held at Praise and Glory Center on May 23rd

There will be a special service with worship leaders Javaris Wright and Chad Reynolds on Friday, May 23rd at 7 p.m. at Praise and Glory Worship Center (across from New Brockton High School). Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call Pastor Betty Morris at 897-3257.

Wise Mill Assembly of God to host Gospel Concert

Wise Mill Assembly of God Church will host a gospel concert featuring The Bradys on Sunday, May 25 beginning at 11 a.m. The church is located at 233 County Road 224, which is about 6 miles from Elba off of Highway 125. For more information call (334) 897-3520. All are invited to attend.

Happy Memorial Day

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Lighthouse Emmanuel Holiness Church to begin revival services

Lighthouse Emmanuel Holiness Church, located on County Road 201 (between Hwy. 87 and Hwy. 167) will hold revival services on May 28-30, 2008 beginning at 7 p.m. nightly.

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"THE BRADYS" from Columbia, AL. will be in a Gospel Concert at Vanderbilt Holiness Church on Saturday, May 24, 2008 starting at 6:00 p.m. The church is located on Coffee County Road 114 about 1 mile past Wayne Farms Southland. For more info please call 334-897-3778, 334-847-0569 or 334-894-5021.

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SCHOOLS

CoOp Spotlight

by Brittany Davis



Nancy Crowe plans to retire after 36 years of teaching

by Brittany Davis

This week's Co-Op Spotlight shines on **Graham Morrow**.

Graham is the 18-year-old son of Ronald and Angela Morrow. He is a senior at Elba High School.

Graham currently is employed at Kelley Foods where he has been working for two years. At Kelley Foods, Graham works as a maintenance man.

Graham is involved in numerous clubs at Elba High School such as EHS Ambassador and VICA Officer. After Graham graduates he plans to attend Troy University to major in accounting.

An interesting fact about Graham is that he went on a youth trip with the First Baptist Church way up north to Canada!

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Tiger Tales

Editors:
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Nancy Crowe

Mrs. Nancy Crowe, a teacher at Elba City Schools for 36 years, is retiring this May.

Mrs. Crowe is the wife of Dale Crowe. She is also the mother of Leah Killingsworth, Emily Harrison, Laura Terrell and Katie Parrish.

Mrs. Crowe attended Troy University and received Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees in elementary education. She is currently a sixth grade teacher.

While teaching at Elba Elementary, Mrs. Crowe has learned that each child is unique and comes to her with his/her own talents, abilities and problems. Her best memory of Elba Elementary would be seeing all the sixth graders on stage all dressed up performing the graduation performance.

Mrs. Crowe's philosophy is to make each student feel that school is the one place they can feel safe, loved and important. Her after retirement plans include traveling with her husband more, spending more time with her family and starting a bridal consultant/planner business.

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Annual Spring Band Concert held recently

by Megan Sullivan

A little reminder the school year is almost finished is when the Elba City bands perform at the Spring Band Concert.

The spring concert was held at the high school Tuesday, May 6. This year things were a little different with guest conductor, Rob Grice. Things were also a bit emotional when the retirement of Mr. Tom Maddox was announced.

The fifth and sixth grade bands opened the concert with a piece called, "Introducing the Band." The fifth graders played two pieces, one in which guest conductor Rob Grice conducted.

The sixth grade band followed by playing three pieces, one of which was directed by Rob Grice. A different edition to the concert was the high school and elementary bands playing together. They played two pieces composed by Rob Grice.

The high school performed



Mr. Tom Maddox is shown directing his band during the annual Spring Band Concert. Maddox will retire at the end of this school year.

their part of the program by playing four songs, and they continued tradition and played the fight song.

The guest conductor was Rob Grice. Mr. Grice is a composer and band director for the Dauphin Jr. High School Band in Enterprise. His compositions are performed around the

world.

Mr. Maddox was also recognized at the concert for his dedication to the band. Jack Brunson presented Maddox with a mat, which will have a picture of him directing his last concert. The mat around the picture was signed by his fifth and sixth grade students.

First annual band banquet held at Elba High School

by Erica Daniels

On Thursday, May 15, Elba High School held its first annual Band Banquet.

The program was opened with

the welcome led by Kim Blue and JoJo McBride, followed by the introduction of special guests by Jeremy Grissett and Brittany Davis. Next, the invocation was led by Caleb Bannin, followed

by the meal. Richenna Singletary introduced the guest speaker, Ray Smith, who was an interesting speaker. The Year in Review was read by Megan Sullivan followed by Senior Recognition by Shelby Adcock and Robyn Hudson.

Last, band director Shaun Hammonds presented the various band students with certificates, plaques and awards. Rookie of the Year, Juliane Davis; Most Dependable, Kim Blue; Most Improved Player, Justin Leadbetter; Best Section Leader, Jeremy Grissett; Most Outstanding Player, Robyn Hudson; Director's Award, Richenna Singletary and Morgan Oglesby; Gilmore Band Award, Andria McBride; and John Philip Sousa Award, Jeremy Grissett.

Lindsay McClung delivered the closing. The "Village" war it success and everyone enjoyed the night.



Kim Blue (right) and JoJo McBride (left) welcome everyone to the first annual band banquet held Thursday, May 15, at Elba High.

Upcoming Events:

May 22, 2008:
7-11 Honor's Day at 1:30 p.m.
6th Grade Graduation at 7:00 p.m.

May 23, 2008:
EES Awards Day -
1st-3rd grades 8 a.m.-10 a.m.
4th-6th grades 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

May 27, 2008:
Elba High School Graduation at 7:30 p.m. (Stadium)
Kindergarten Graduation at 8:30 a.m.

Announcements:

• 2008 Yearbooks are on sale for \$50 for the next 2 weeks. Contact the journalism staff at EHS for more information (897-2266).

• Elba Hoodies and T-shirts are available. Long-sleeve T-shirts are \$12 and \$13 and Hoodies are \$20, \$21, and \$22. Contact the journalism staff. (897-2266)

Teacher Spotlight

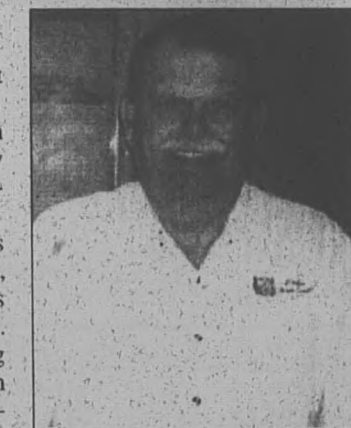
by Tiffany Bynum

This week's teacher spotlight shines on Ricky Carlile.

Mr. Carlile has two children Bucky Carlile, 26, and Lacy Carlile, 21. He has been teaching for 24 years.

Carlile has a B.S. in business marketing and math education, and a M.S. in history, as well as an administration certification. His hobbies include working with antique cars, working on his farm, trail riding on horseback, watching Lacy play softball, hearing Bucky preach, and watching professional baseball.

His favorite Atlanta Braves player is Chipper Jones. His favorite Bible verses include Isaiah 40:31, Proverbs 1:10, and John 3:30. His favorite quote is "Dream as if you'll live forever - Live as if you will die today." His claim to fame is, "All the 'babies' I have taught for 24 years. Hopefully I have planted a few 'seeds of knowledge'."



Ricky Carlile

Mr. Carlile enjoys history. His favorite President is Teddy Roosevelt, and his favorite period of history is the 1960s, because in the words of Bob Dylan, "These Times are a Changing."

According to Mr. Carlile his idol is his dad. He considers his hero to be Popeye the sailor man, because he agrees with Popeye when he says, "I am what I am and that's what I am."



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FROM THE COCKPIT New Brockton High School News

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Books can be just as good as television

by Alyssa Brown

Most teenagers enjoy watching television.

Some of us like to watch it because we can forget about our problems for a short time. Others just watch it out of boredom.

I say this in fear of sounding like our parents, but there are better things to do with our time. It has been proven that watching too much television can have damaging effects on our bodies and minds. In some instances, it can change an entire personality.

Something that is much better for us is reading a good book. It's not as bad on the eyes and it enhances your reading ability and comprehension.

I am not saying that you have to throw away the television completely. Sometimes instead of turning on that favorite movie, maybe read the book that your favorite movie was based on!

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IV: WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG-13)
M-F 7:00 & 9:30 S-S 2:00, 7:10 & 9:30

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CINEMAS 1 & 2
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OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG-13)
M-F 7:00, 9:30 & 9:30
S-S 2:00, 3:00, 7:00, 9:30 & 9:30
II: IRON MAN (PG-13)
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the Rings, why not read the book? I promise it is just as good!

A great place to find movie

based books is in your very own library here at New Brockton High. There is a great selection. Check it out!

NBHS students enjoy the prom



Prom King, Aaron Pope and Prom Queen, Beth Vaughan



Seniors Andrew Fuller, Monica Largess, and O.J. Jackson stayed on the dance floor all night.



Exchange student Fara Shoyokubova enjoyed her first ever prom.

Our Children Are More Important Than Politics

I need your vote in the June 3 Republican Primary, so that we can make positive changes for ALL of Coffee County's Schools.

Coffee County's Chief Deputy recently told the County Commission that, due to staffing problems and funding issues, it might take up to an hour for local law enforcement to respond to an emergency in some areas of the County. With a resource police officer in place in EVERY school, this would be less of a concern for parents, teachers, and administrators, and this is a concern which I pledge to address if elected to your School Board.

At this time of year, as we recognize the accomplishments of our graduates, I feel it is a good idea to also look ahead at how our schools can continue to improve and address a few points.

- *Our schools CAN be safer.
- *Federally-funded grants are available to pay for these safety improvements.
- *Our students SHOULD benefit from these funds, because SOMEONE certainly will.
- *ALL students DESERVE hot meals prepared AT their school, NOT across town.
- *Neither teachers nor students benefit when textbooks are not available for EVERY student.
- *My interest in improving our schools is NOT politically motivated.
- *My interest IS motivated by the love of a parent & concerns of a teacher.
- *I am willing to listen to parents' concerns because I am a parent, and I know how important it is to me when I have concerns about my own children.
- *I have real experience as a certified teacher & licensed coach. I deal with real-world, school-related situations everyday.

I am the voice of parental concern, educational background, and REAL experience dealing with the problems our children face each day. It would be an honor to serve you as your representative to the Coffee County Board of Education. I will fight FOR you, I will listen TO you, and I will be right there WITH you in EVERY situation.



Because family is about more than politics, and our children's future is worth fighting for.
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Coffee County Board of Education District One
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Golf team member places fifth in state

Freshman Steven Smith and Junior Michael Redd qualified for state golf sectionals by maintaining an 18 handicap during the season.

Michael's handicap was 7, while Steven managed a 3 during season play.

Sectionals were held in Tuscaloosa at Ol' Colony Golf Complex. Steven shot a 76 to lead all individuals and Michael shot an 81. Both qualified for Sub State. There were approximately 45 golfers who competed at sectionals for four team and four individual spots at Sub State.

Sub State was held in Daphne at Timber Creek Golf Course. Steven won the event shooting 2 under par 70 and qualified for the State Tournament. There were approximately 35 golfers at Sub State for three team and three individual spots at state.

State was held in Florence and was a two day tournament. Steven shot a 76 on day one and was in 9th place. On the final day of the tournament he shot a 75 and finished tied for 5th place statewide in the 1A-2A division.



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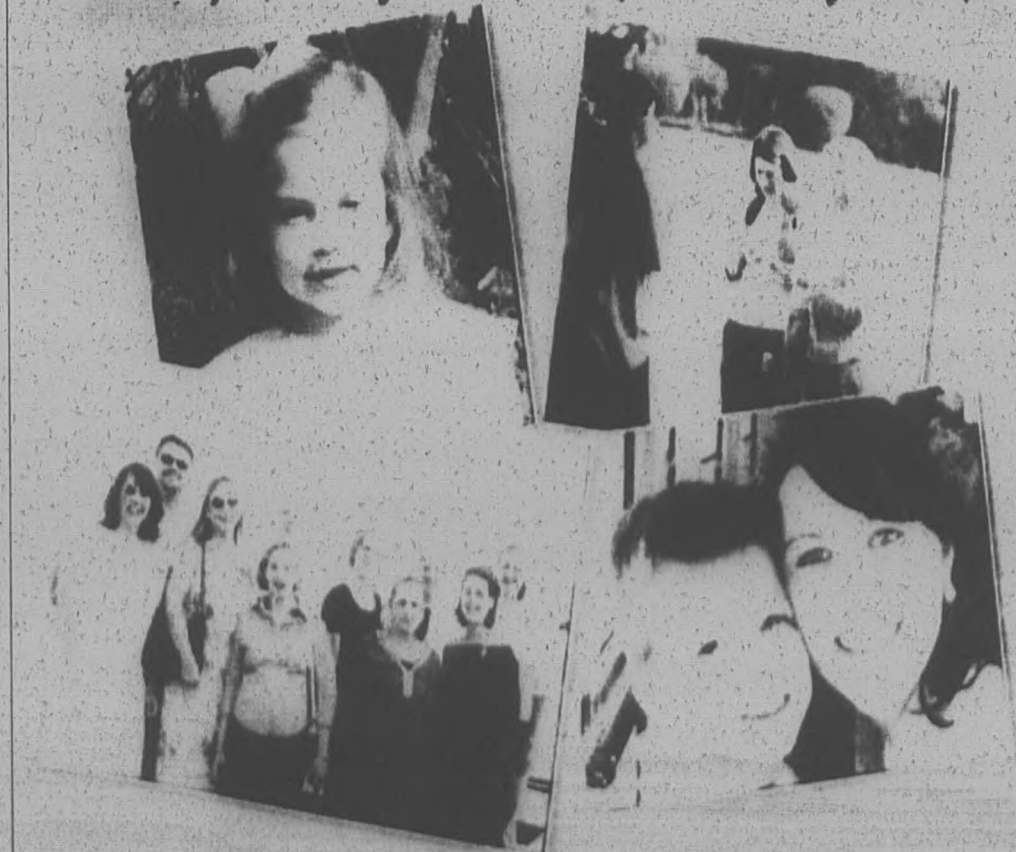
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BY RICKY MULARZ, SPORTS EDITOR

With Melanie back home for the summer we have had to get back in the habit of going grocery shopping. With both girls away at college we would just walk across the street and get enough food for one meal at a time, but now we have to keep snacks and drinks at home all the time and actually filled the buggy one night last week. Oh well, it's worth it to have at least one daughter back home for a couple of months.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Tigers wrapped up their first week of spring football practice Saturday morning and from what I've been told the Tigers have a good looking group of players working hard in preparation for the '08 season. The Tigers return three starters in the offensive line, their leading rusher for the past two seasons, practically all their receivers and a big group of younger players that have won the past two seasons in junior high. I bet the high school football season is a long way off, but things are looking good at Tigertown and spirits are high.

*** New Brockton hosted a three-team football jamboree last week, and despite the fact the Gamecocks came out on the short end of the score in both of its games, they looked good on both sides of the ball and showed promise for next season. I wondered just what the Gamecocks would look like after just nine days of practice with their new coach, but was pleasantly surprised and impressed with how fundamentally sound the team looked. With a summer of workouts ahead and a determined attitude there is no doubt New Brockton can make some noise next season in 2A football circles.

*** Zion Chapel joined Arton last week in a four-team jamboree against G.W. Long and Barbour County and came away more than a little short handed after losing two players to injuries. The Rebels dressed out only sixteen players for the spring jamboree and ended the night with only fourteen healthy players, which doesn't bode well for the future unless they can get more folks interested in the program and dedicated toward keeping Zion Chapel as a team to watch in 1A ranks.

*** The state softball tournament was held last weekend in Montgomery and two area teams brought home the red trophies to signify a second place finish. Straugh and Samson both lost their opening game in the tournament to fall in the losers bracket, but both fought their way back and made it to the championship games before falling and settling for second. Straugh had a very young team and closed the season with a 42-13 record, while Samson improved on last year's fifth place finish and was led by four seniors that all made the all-starved promise. Straugh should be a softball power for at least the next two years and Samson will always be solid. Good job girls!

*** In closing... I was surprised last week to hear that Elba High head basketball coach Glen Johnson had been told he would not return in that position. Coach Johnson had been the Tigers' head coach for three years and managed to hold the program together despite constant off the court problems and teams filled with contrasting personalities. I heard a kid at the Elba Elementary School was telling people at the school of Johnson's dismissal before he had even been told, and only after Coach Johnson asked for a meeting with the principal at Elba High was he informed. That reminds me of a few years back when Coach Karl Bledsoe was replaced by Johnson, and almost everyone in town knew of the change except Bledsoe. There is a right way and wrong way to do everything, and from this side of town it looks like the folks up at Elba High dropped the ball, again.

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ELBA TIGERS AT WORK... Coach Scott Rials (far right) talks with members of the Elba offense during a break in the action Saturday morning during a spring football practice session. The Tigers will wrap up spring drills Friday night with the annual Black and Gold intrasquad game, set for 6:30 at Tiger Stadium.

(Mike Capps photo)

Elba's Driggers places fifth

Max Nelson wins Coyote feature at SAS races

By Mark Chisum

The one that counted. That's the lap Andy Pugh led in the Modified Feature Saturday night at South Alabama Speedway. Ricky Brooks took the lead at the drop of the green flag and appeared headed to another Modified win. Pugh wasn't originally scheduled to be behind the wheel, so he had to start in the rear due to the driver change. It didn't take long for Pugh to make his way through the field, moving into second on lap nine. Brooks, meanwhile, was cruising out front. A couple of late cautions put Pugh on Brooks' bumper. Pugh went to work on the leader, and he made his move on the back stretch on the final lap. Pugh got inside of Brooks to gain the advantage. On the outside, Brooks lost traction and spun, leaving Pugh to cross the line without a fight.

Scotty Anderson collected his third Super Stock feature win in a row. David Ashley led the first lap before Ryan Redmon took control. Anderson, starting sixth, quickly moved to second behind Redmon and closed the gap on the leader. With four laps to go, Anderson worked his way past Redmon to take the lead. Anderson led the remaining laps to take the win. Redmon, who had set a new track record in qualifying, held on to second. Kip Whitehead led flag to flag to win the Vintage Feature. Whitehead took the lead from the pole and held outman Teddy Sasser for the win.

The Street Stock Feature wasn't decided until after post race inspection. Cameron Henderson grabbed the early lead from the pole. Henderson led until Jeff Rudd took over the lead after a lap restart. Rudd led the rest of the way to take

an apparent victory. However, in post race inspection, Rudd's win was disqualified due to an illegal clutch. Rudd's "dq" handed the win to Jody Henderson.

In the Roadrunner Feature, Chad Roberts took the lead on a lap 19 restart when leader Tim Peters faded with a deflating tire. Roberts had moved from the seventh starting spot to put himself in position to take advantage of Peters' misfortune. Roberts then had to hold off Billy Maxie to take the win.

Max Nelson took the lead on lap eight and went on to win the Coyote Feature. Travis Slawson led the first seven laps before Nelson grabbed the lead after a restart. Nelson held off

brother Aaron Nelson to take the win. Michael Smith finished third, Brent Slawson fourth, and Stephen Driggers fifth.

Pugh added a victory in the CupLites Feature, although it wasn't as dramatic as his Modified win. Pugh started seventh, but eased his way through the

pack, moving into second on lap sixteen. Three laps later, he moved past race-long leader Heath Mills and went on to capture the win.

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DIXIE DARLINGS SOFTBALL

Zion Chapel 6 Elba Heat 2 - Zion Chapel pulled ahead early and never lost command in a 6-2 win over the Elba Heat. Marlee Ellis scored 2 runs to lead Zion Chapel, while scoring 1 run were Haley Dewberry, Brooke Parker, Faith Allen and Lexy Rugg. Asia Kyles and Katelyn Turner both scored 1 run for the Heat.

COACH PITCH BASEBALL

Diamondbacks 7 Blue Jays 2 - The Diamondbacks pulled ahead early and held on late to claim a 7-2 win over the Blue Jays 7-2. Jeremiah Jordan scored 3 runs to lead the Diamondbacks, while scoring 1 run were Chandler Coppage, Gavin Caldwell, Tanner Harrington and Ben Curtis. Dylan Boozer and Bryant Gilley both scored 1 run for the Blue Jays.

Orioles 21 Pirates 6 - The Orioles scored runs in bunches to outscore the Pirates 21-6. D'Monte Mitchell scored 4 runs to lead the Orioles, while Seth Daniels and Scotty Hudson both scored 3 runs and Jake Kilcrease, Adrian Dean, Cade Kilcrease, Wynn Johnson and Samuel Tompkins.

DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL

Coffee County Storm 9 Brantley Green 9 - The Coffee County Storm and the Brantley Green battled to a 9-9 tie. Tripp Jenkins had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Storm, while Trey Powell and Tyler Bowers both added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Hunter Parker added 1 hit and Blake Avant scored 2 runs. Clint Kilcrease had 3 hits and scored 1 run to lead Brantley, while Andrew Lowery added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, Zach Wiley added 2 hits and scored 1 run, and Taylor Tew and Jud Owens both had 1 hit and scored 1 run.

New Brockton 13 Elba 10 - New Brockton used a 10-run third inning to grab the lead and held on to outscore Elba 13-10. Josh Mauldin, Brackin Hutto and Kyle Kelley all had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead New Brockton, while Nathan Cardwell and Brandon Farnon both added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Gunnar McCollough had 2 hits and scored 3 runs to lead Elba, while Jordan McDaniel added 1 hit and scored 1 run, Ashton Davis added 1 hit, and Austin Johnson, Chace Sauls and Dylan Seay all scored 2 runs.

Elba 5 Brantley White 0 - Elba scored all its runs in the final two innings to pull away and claim a 5-0 win over the Brantley White. Gunnar McCollough had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead

Elba, while Chace Sauls and Dylan Seay both added 1 hit. Cassius Tillis had 2 hits to lead Brantley, while Braxton Barnes, Matthew Holmes and Zane Johnson all added 1 hit.

DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL

Elba Dodgers 5 Zion Chapel Gray 3 - The Elba Dodgers pulled ahead early and held on late to edge past the Zion Chapel Gray 5-3. B.J. Free had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Dodgers, while Isaiah Kyles added 2 hits, Austin Watkins added 1 hit and scored 1 run, Troy Funk added 1 hit, and Landon Camley, Logan Davis and Will Jones all scored 1 run. Dylan Tillis had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Zion Chapel, while Bernard Smith, Shelton Hudson and Isaac Hartley all added 1 hit and Blake Cobb and Cody Driver both scored 1 run.

Elba Marlins 12 Arton 2 - The Elba Marlins pulled ahead early and coasted in with a 12-2 win over Arton. Grant Akridge had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Marlins, while Johnny McHugh added 2 hits and scored 1 run. Tanner Hudson added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Cavossea Stinson and Harley Sanders both added 1 hit and scored 1 run, Tripp Hudson added 1 hit, Talon Flowers scored 3 runs, and Quan Jordan and Colton Gilley both scored 1 run. Preston Herring had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Arton, while Kenneth Hill scored 1 run.

DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

Elba Cardinals 12 Zion Chapel Gray 3 - The Elba Cardinals scored 9 runs in the third inning to take command and rolled to a big 12-3 win over the Zion Chapel Gray. Garrett Smith had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Cardinals, while Cobe Gossby added 1 hit and scored 3 runs, Ty Stewart and Stefam Caldwell both had 1 hit and scored 1 run, Brandon Beck scored 2 runs, and Chance Johnson, Kendall Brown, Denzel Thomas and Samuel Smith all scored 1 run. Aaron McCollough had 1 hit to lead Zion Chapel, while Dillon Schafer, Justin Kidd and Jacob Smith all scored 1 run. Arton 9 Elba Braves 3 - Arton pulled ahead early and never looked back in a 9-3 win over the Elba Braves. Austin fain had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Arton, while Seth Senn and Cody Bess both had 1 hit and scored 1 run. Preston Manuel added 1 hit, Josh Bell scored 3 runs and Heath Hughes scored 2 runs. Griffin Martin had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Braves, while Hayden Disotell added 1 hit and JonAshley Amison scored 1 run.



MIGHTY SWING... A batter for the Diamondbacks keeps his eye on the ball and takes a swing at a pitch during action in the Coach Pitch Baseball League.

(Mike Capps photo)

Enterprise to host Men's Class D District Softball Tournament June 13-14 at sportsplex fields

The Enterprise Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2008 ASA Men's Class D District Softball Tournament on June 13-14. For more information or to enter a team call Denise Hope at 348-2681 or District 7 director Bill Coker at 797-3463.

Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben
by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

Jug fishing is an excellent way to catch catfish

As the fiery glow of a mid May Sun slowly sinks below the horizon, night creatures come alive on the river. Crickets chirp, bullfrogs croak and big catfish awake from their heat escaping naps in deep water to prowl the shallows and surface for an evening snack. It is during this time that fishing with jugs can be one of the most productive methods of catching catfish. Jug fishing is one of the most relaxing methods I know of for loading the boat with cats. All you need is a quantity of jugs, hooks, a spool of line, and some type of weights.

The white bleach jug, with it's molded handle for tying on line, is excellent when it comes to keeping up with a raft of jugs floating down the river. If you can't find enough white jugs, 2-liter soft drink bottles can be spray-painted white or you can roll up a sheet of white typing paper and put it in the bottle. It will unroll enough that the bottle is easy to see when your light hits it. Even white quart of containers can be used when fishing farm ponds where the fish are smaller.

Any type fishing line you have on hand can be used. The white nylon line used for trotlines works fine, but many believe monofilament or braided line in darker colors spook wary cats less. The length of line is dictated by how deep the water is and where the cats are feeding. Lines from 3 to 10 feet are the most common. I like to start off with some jugs with 3 foot lines, some with 6 foot lines and a few with 10 foot lines. If they are biting and you are getting the most hits at a particular depth, you can lengthen or shorten the rest of your lines accordingly.

Bait for jug fishing can be just about anything that stinks or wiggles. Cat bait, including beef or chicken liver, mullet or sunfish will catch a variety of catfish. Live bait, such as small sunfish, crawfish, shiners, shad and wigglers are preferred by many cat fishermen, especially if they are after flathead cats. Use a sharp hook sized according to the bait and size fish you expect to catch. Something in the size 2 to 1/0 is usually adequate.

10 to 25 jugs in a slow to moderate current is usually enough to watch. I enjoy drifting along with the current, conversing with my fishing partner, and just savoring the freedom of the river and the night. But it's not always quiet. We once ran into two fishermen coming down the river with tunes from the Grand Old Opry blaring from a boom box. They said the catfish on the Alabama River bite better to the sound of country music. I know, I was skeptical too, but they sure had more fish than we did. Who's to say?

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GAMECOCK RUNNER FIGHTS FOR YARDAGE... A New Brockton running back fights for extra yardage as a McKenzie defender hangs on. The Gamecocks hosted a three-team football jamboree last week and lost to Goshen and McKenzie in contests consisting of two quarters. Goshen won both games in the event, while McKenzie posted one win and one loss. The New Brockton junior varsity posted a win over McKenzie in a one quarter contest.

(Mike Capps photo)



NEW GAMECOCK IN CHARGE... Coach Jim Bob Striplin walks the sidelines Friday night at a high school football jamboree. Coach Striplin is the new head football coach at New Brockton High School.

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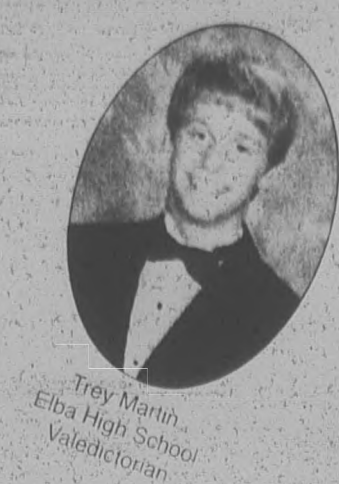
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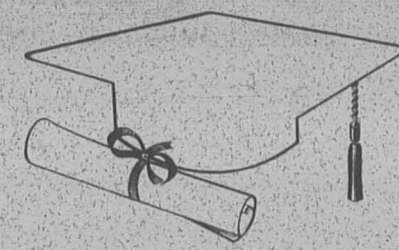
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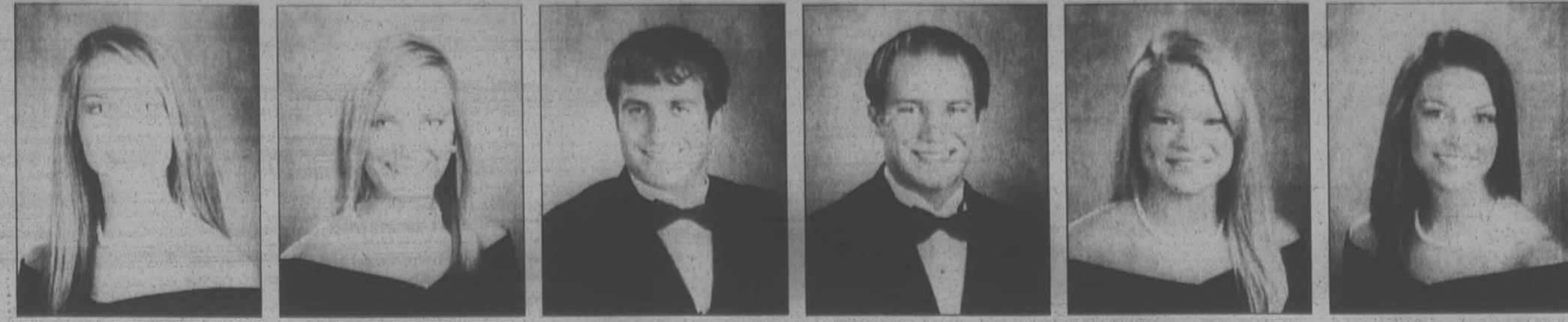
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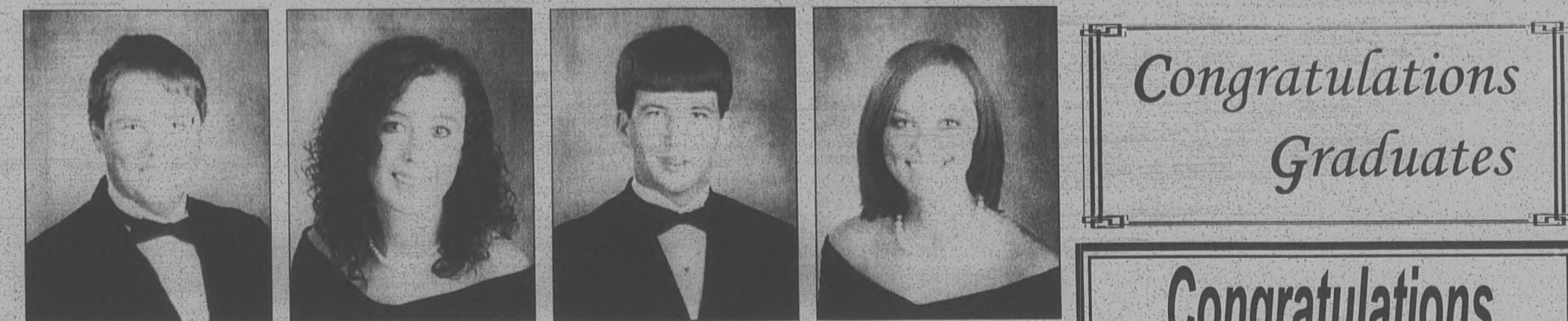
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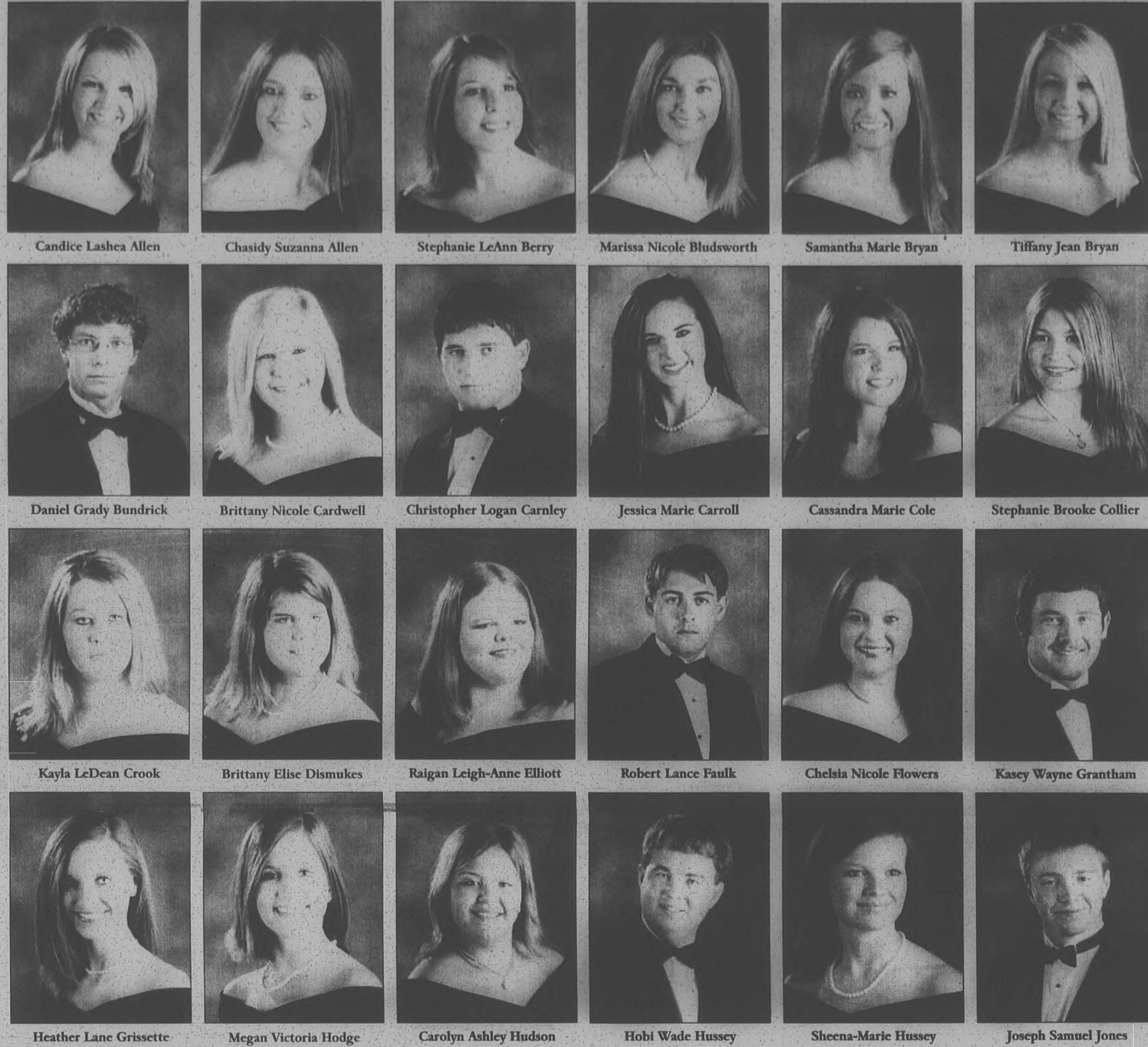


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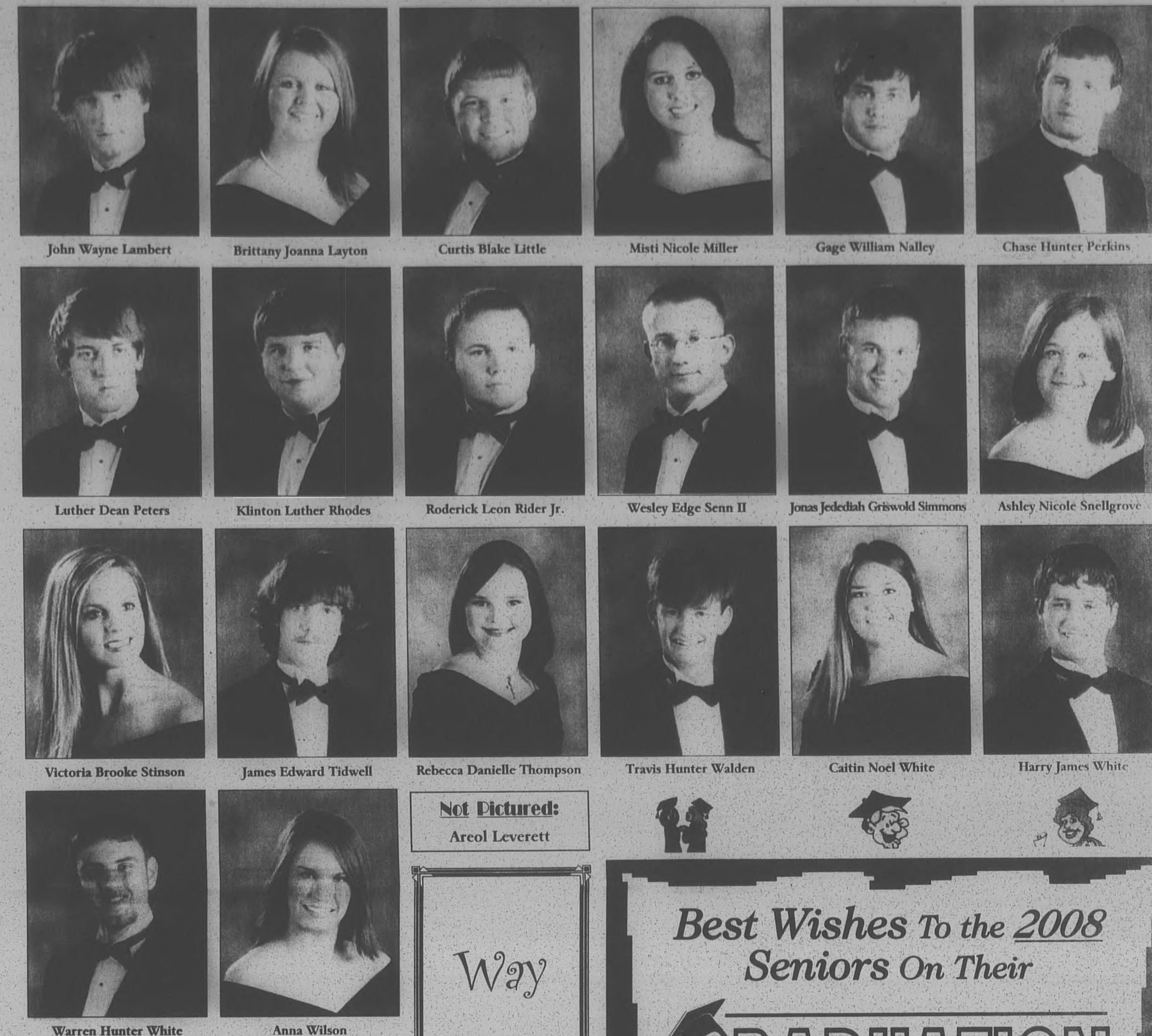
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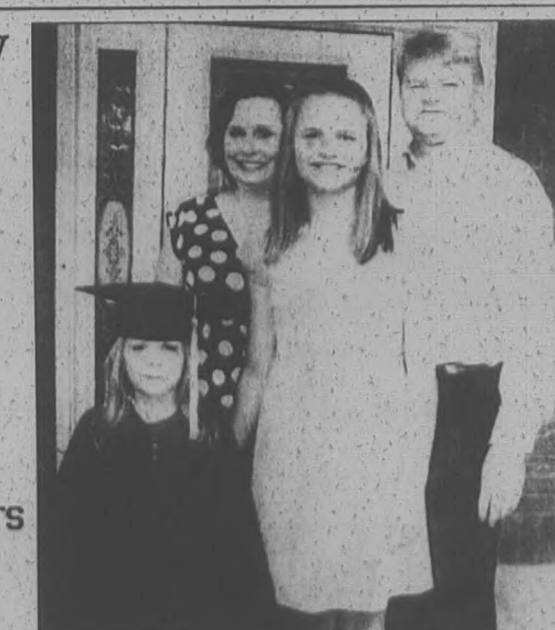
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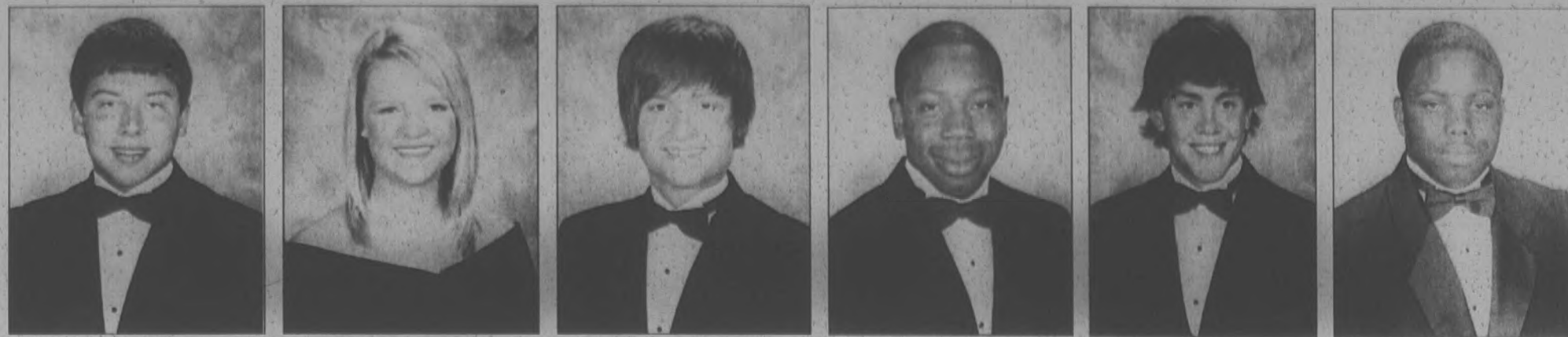


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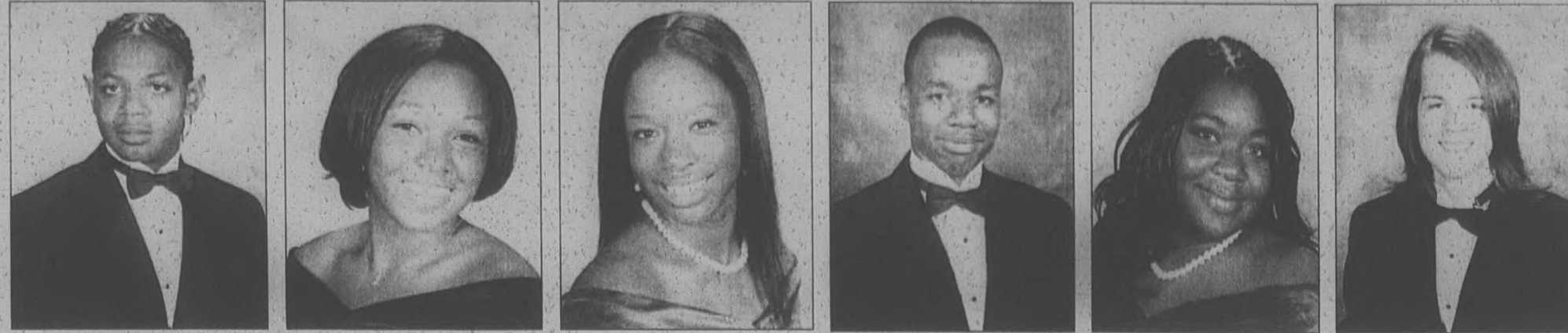
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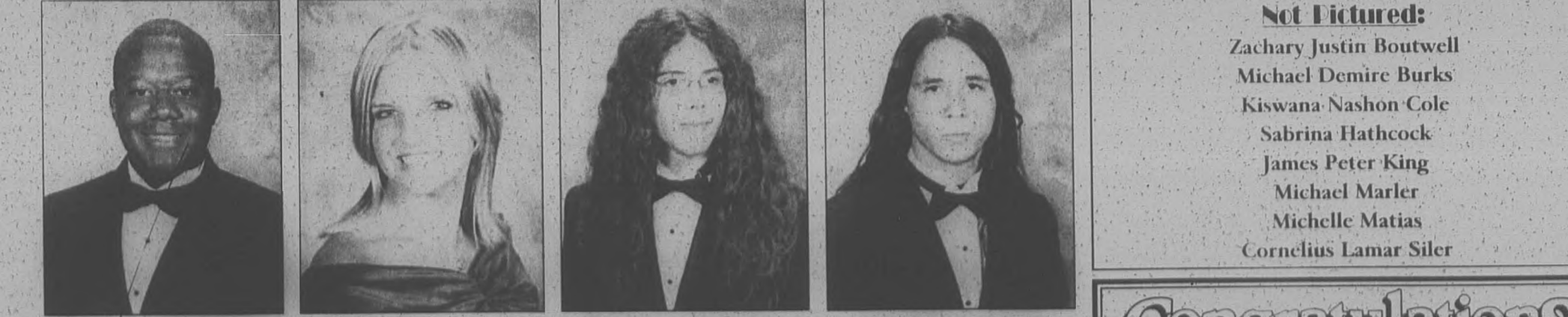
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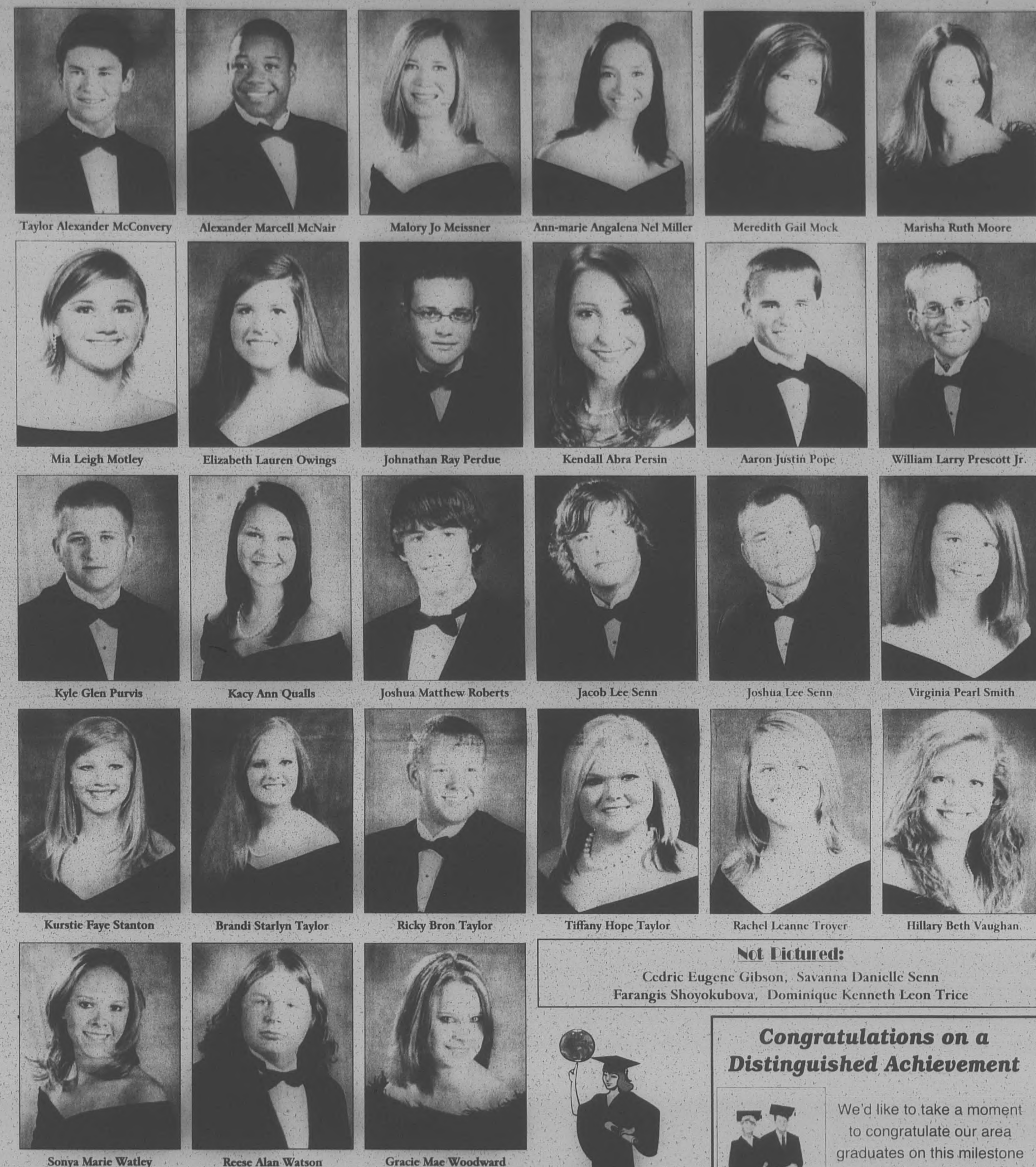
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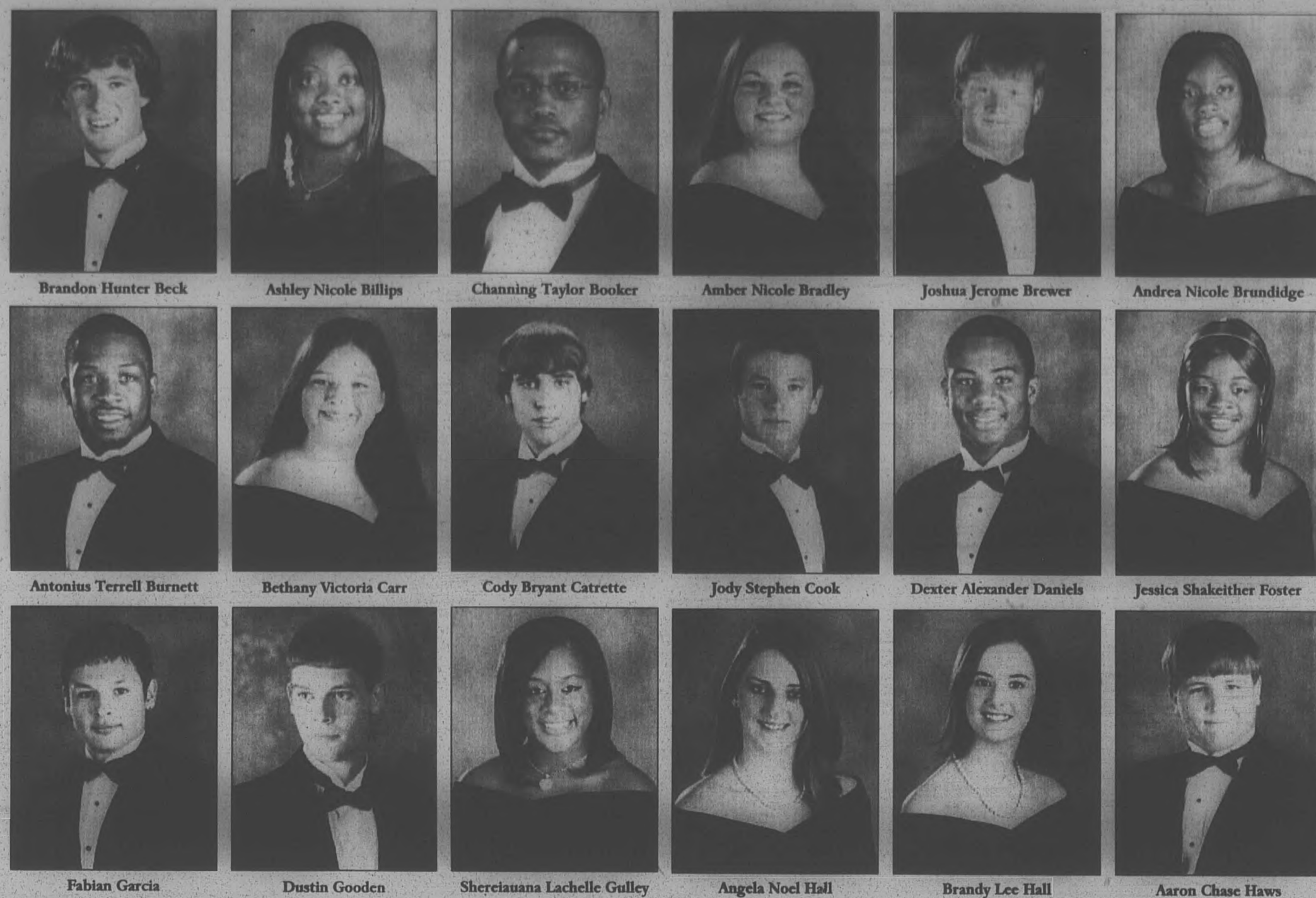
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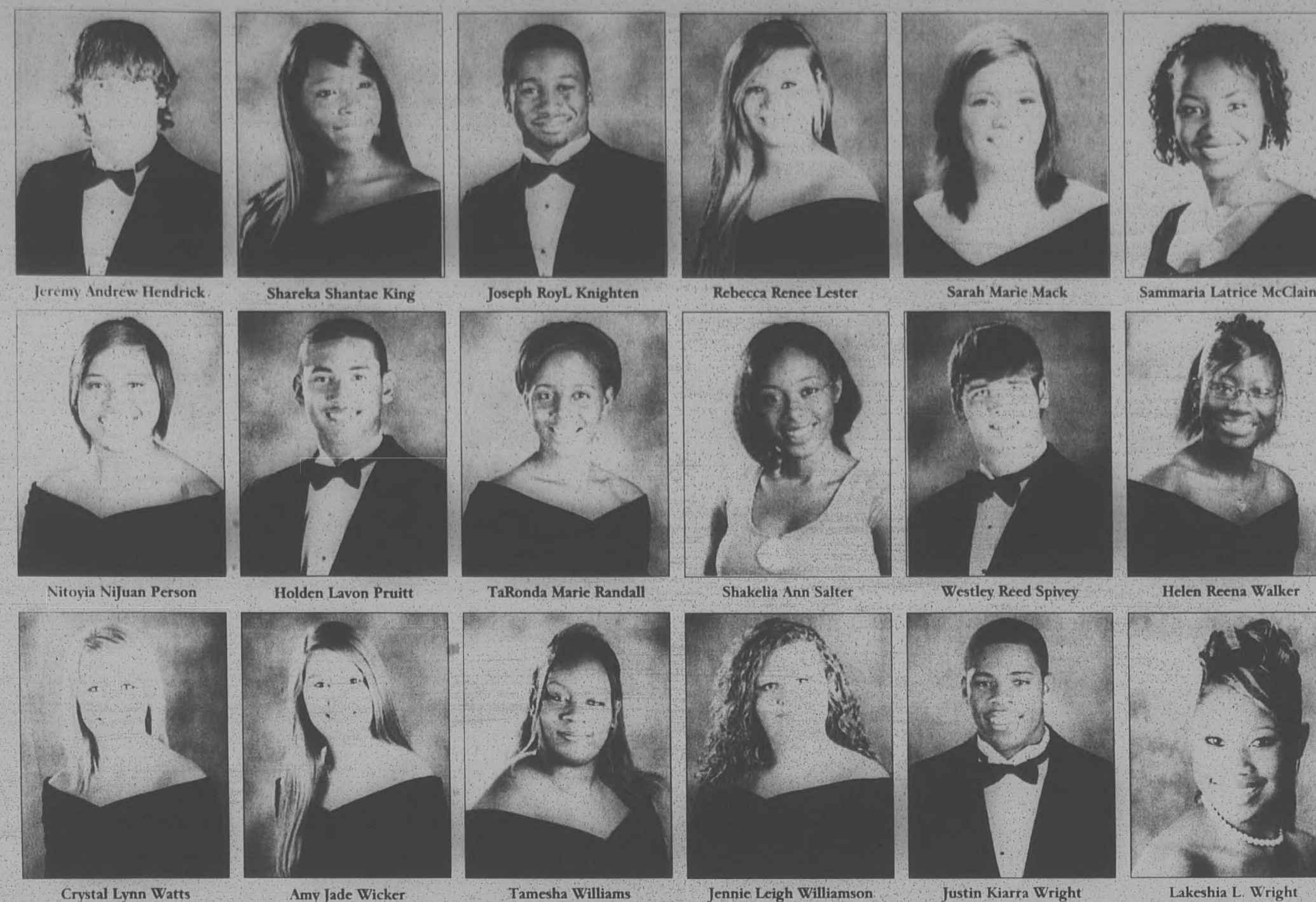
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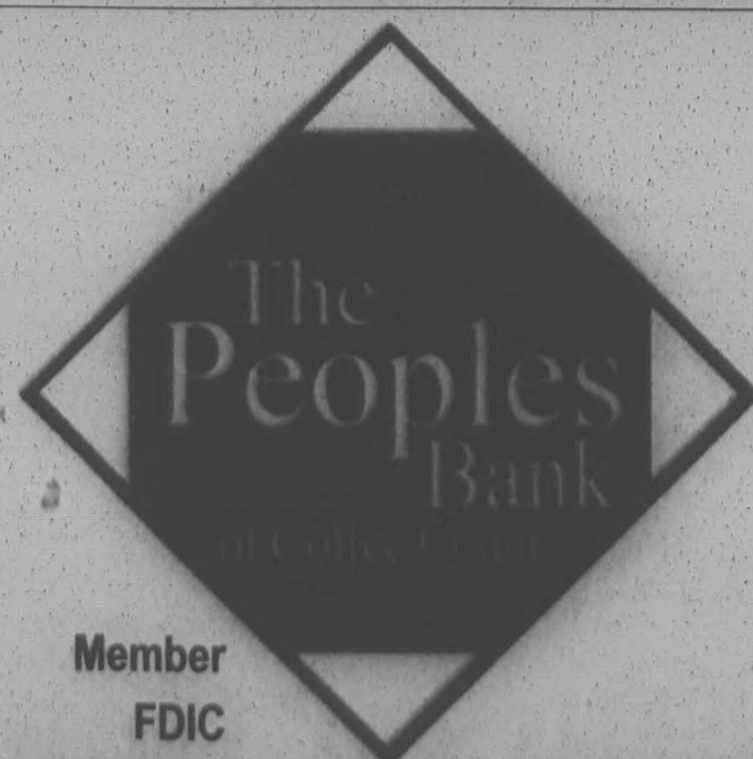
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Wilson appointed to full term on Elba School Board



Josh Wilson addresses the Elba City Council
During Coffee County Commission meeting

Sheriff reports investigation of vandalism incident at county landfill

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners approved three requests made by county engineer Randy Tindell during the Tuesday, May 27, meeting of the commission.



Coffee County Commission chairman Tom Grimsley (right) is shown presenting a proclamation of appreciation Tuesday, May 27, to Robert Lolley during the Coffee County Commission meeting. Commissioners voted during their May 12th meeting to present the award to Lolley recognizing him for his many years of service with the local Veterans Affairs office. During that meeting, Lolley announced his retirement and thanked the commission for its support during the years. Following Tuesday's presentation, Lolley again thanked the commission for its support and said he enjoyed a good relationship with the Coffee County Commission during his years of service.

Stephen Boggs plans to seek election as Mayor of Elba

Stephen "Steve" Boggs this week announced his intent to qualify and seek election as Mayor of Elba in the upcoming municipal election to be held August 26 in the City of Elba. Boggs is a United States Navy Veteran. He served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Eisenhower in the Middle East during Desert Storm and Somalia, as well as, in Central Europe during the Balkans Crisis. More recently, Boggs has served as a production supervisor at Sikorsky Aircraft in Troy, and as an aircraft maintenance manager at Fort Rucker. He currently works for TSI Aerospace as an aviation and engineering recruiting consultant.

Steve attends Covenant Community Church, and is a member of the VFW and American Legion. In his spare time he enjoys fishing, gardening and spending time with his family. He also volunteers his time and resources to assist Veterans, disabled persons and to help people who have been affected by layoffs find jobs. Boggs resides on Elm Avenue in Elba with his wife, Dorothy, and their son, Antony. "Over the past twelve years, we have seen the loss of hundreds of jobs and the closure of numerous local businesses," Boggs said. "Along with the increase in unemployment, we have also experienced a rise in crime and drug abuse. We have also seen an unexplained increase of more than 60 percent in our electric rates, which is making life difficult for retirees and people on fixed incomes. But, we can turn all of that around and put Elba back on the right track."

Boggs said Elba is a close-knit community with outstanding people and numerous untapped resources. "We have the potential to far exceed our former glory as the cultural and economic center of the Wiregrass," he said. "In order to reach this goal, we need to build a viable, sustainable long-term plan for improving emergency services, repairing our city infrastructure, strengthening our local economy, and stopping crime in its tracks. Together we can build a brighter future for our children and grandchildren."

If elected, Boggs said his main priorities as Mayor of Elba will include: lowering utility rates, getting drugs and drug dealers off the streets, creating new jobs, and working with the city council, local business leaders and the citizens of Elba for "positive change and a future we can believe in."

"I would appreciate your vote on August 26" for Mayor of Elba," said Boggs. "Thank you and God Bless."

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council unanimously appointed Josh Wilson to a full term on the Elba City School Board Tuesday evening. Wilson is completing three years of service to the school system after being named to an unexpired term when Dr. Dyess resigned in mid-term.

There has been much speculation during the last several weeks on just who the city council would name to this important position in the community.

Wilson told the school board members at their last meeting that he had enjoyed serving and hoped to be reappointed.

He met with the city council during a work session last week and expressed this desire to

them. He also addressed concerns council members voiced on behalf of their constituents at that meeting.

Tuesday evening Wilson was one of four to address the council on this appointment. He again expressed his support of the schools and a desire to continue serving the school system.

He thanked the council for the opportunity to serve and said that the children are Elba's greatest asset. He added that he had served very willingly and while it had been challenging at times, it was also rewarding.

"It has been an honor to work with Mr. Weeks and his staff. The results speak for themselves," he added. "I pledge to continue to serve if it is your desire and would appreciate the opportunity to serve again."

Destiny Hudson spoke in support of Wilson for another term. She noted he had helped her with a problem at the school on more than one occasion and did it in a "very professional and timely manner."

Hudson urged the council not to let other people's personal agenda guide their actions.

Superintendent Danny Weeks spoke and praised the school board for being "very supportive of the school system."

He said he was concerned about such a meeting (the council meeting) "including discussions of any of my board members." Weeks added that he had never known of such a discussion to occur during his tenure with the Elba schools. The superintendent acknowledged that the weeks of discussions on this board appointment had fragmented his staff.

"I want you to know, if you have a problem about our schools I will talk with you at any time," he said.

"We have a very good school board and I would go far but for any one of them," said Weeks.

Board member Gappa Wise addressed the council and read from a prepared statement in which he praised Mr. Wilson. He noted that he had heard comments of the council may be overstepping their duties. He added that neither should the school board overstep their duties in support of any one member.

Wise added that there have been discussions of the council's actions on this board appointment. He added that neither should the school board overstep their duties in support of any one member. Please See Wilson, Page 14



On Wednesday, May 21, investigators with the Coffee County Sheriff's office, Enterprise Police Department and agents with the ABC Board Narcotics Unit arrested Nathaniel Kimmerlin of Enterprise following a traffic stop. Kimmerlin was charged with possession of a controlled substance, resisting arrest, tampering with physical evidence and escape – third degree. After the traffic stop, investigators reportedly executed a search warrant at Kimmerlin's residence. This investigation resulted in the recovery of a substantial amount of cocaine, marijuana and U.S. currency totaling \$37,081. Also, two vehicles were seized. Kimmerlin was released from the Coffee County Jail after posting a \$1.2 million bond. The Coffee County Sheriff's Department reports that Patricia Edwards of Enterprise was arrested on related charges in connection with this investigation. Above, investigators look over the items recovered in this investigation and subsequent arrest.

Voters asked to go to the polls Tuesday, June 3, for Primary Elections

In four county commission races and one county board of education race, voters will be asked to cast their ballots Tuesday, June 3, for the Coffee County Primary Elections. The Democratic Primary Election Ballot will feature two county races in two separate districts. For those voting in District One, the Democratic nomination for the Coffee County Commission seat is being sought by three candidates: Tommie Brooks Jr., James E. (Jimmy) Bryan and Dean Smith. If needed, a run-off election in this primary race will be held July 15th.

The Democratic Primary also will feature a race for the Coffee County Commission, District 3, seat. Here, Robert G. Stephens will face Claude R. (Ronny) Nicholson.

Other races on the Democratic Primary Election ballot include:

- For United States Senator – Vivian Davis Figures, Johnny Swanson III or Mark "No NCAA" Townsend
- For United States Representative, 2nd Congressional District – Bobby Bright, Candice Crawley or Cheryl Sabel
- For Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 1 – Steve Dodd or Clyde Jones
- For Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 2 – Jeff Duffey, Jon Hayden or Aimee Cobb Smith

The Republican Primary Election ballot features three separate county races for three separate districts.

Voters choosing the Republican ballot in districts two and four will be asked to vote on their county commission seat. In the Coffee County Commission, District 2, race, Kim Ellis will challenge J.L. Weeks.

In the Coffee County Commission, District 4, race, three candidates are vying for the spot including Frank (Al) Britt, Jason F. Bruce and Helen Taylor. If needed, the runoff for this election will be held July 15th.

District One voters choosing the Republican ballot will be asked to make a decision in nominating their Republican candidate for the Coffee County Board of Education seat. Here, candidates Joseph (Joey) Arnold and Brian R. McLeod are trying to win the seat.

Please See VOTE, Page 3



Coffee County Probate Judge William O. Gammill is shown above testing a voting machine that will be used in next Tuesday's (June 3rd) Primary Election. The machines were tested Tuesday, May 27, at the Farm Center in New Brockton. The testing was pursuant to §17-7-25 Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended. The Primary Election will be Tuesday, June 3, with polls in Coffee County to be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. On the night of the election, results will be taken to the Farm Center in New Brockton.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY will hold a meeting Thursday, May 29 (TODAY), at 7 p.m. in the community room at the New Brockton Farm Center. Local candidates will be speaking. Everyone is invited. For more information call Eddie Vaughan at (334) 897-2273 x209 or 897-0395.

GRADUATION CEREMONIES FOR COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS will be Thursday evening, May 29 (TONIGHT). Graduation for Zion Chapel and Kinston seniors will be at 7:45 p.m. at each school's football stadium while graduation for New Brockton seniors will begin at 8:15 p.m. at the football stadium.

THE NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL will meet Monday, June 2, at 7 p.m., in the council chambers at New Brockton Town Hall.

THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, June 5, at 7 p.m. at the Coffee County Farm Center. Anyone interested in the honeybee is welcome to attend. For more information call Al Leggett at 334-566-7340 or Jerry Whitaker at 334-894-2077.